

## Mason Energy Commission 4/3/2023

Date reminders 4/18/23 Town Hall meeting 4/20/2023 | Keene on new IRA 4/22/23 Drive Electric Saturday in Keene

Attending: Curt Spacht, Kathy Chapman, Joe Harney, Michele Siegmann, Dave Morrison, Dick Stockdale, Darrell Scott, Michelle Scott

Last month's minutes approved.

**Community Power:** Kate Bachelor of the BOS is interested in investigating community power (CP) for Mason. Curt reviewed what Emily Mann of Peterborough said. Members of Energy Commissions may join the community power effort, or a separate committee may be formed (an energy aggregation committee). The CP may have a BOS member which may help with communication! This can take 1 to 2 years, but might be quicker. It does have to be presented as a warrant article, and approved by the town. Harrisville has a step by step program that we can use as a template!

Dave moves that we prepare to talk to the BOS on 4/11 to help.

Curt says Peterborough has a video, and the Towns of Wilton, Keene, and Harrisville have plans. First thing we have to do is write a plan, and we can copy what has already been done. Referring to the BOS talk, we should tell them why the other towns want to do this, and what CP actually is, how it will work, and what the advantages are. Kathy asked for volunteers to put together a slide set with information and links to help the BOS get up to speed quickly. Darrell volunteered to do this, Michelle Scott will assist, and Michele Siegmann volunteered to attend the meeting with Darrell and she will present the slides.

**Earth Day trash pickup:** Flyer and map are on the [www.masonnhenergy.com](http://www.masonnhenergy.com), and the dumpster is ready to go. Blue bags are ready to go. Fill and leave the bags on the side of the road, or take them to the Highway Dept and leave in the dumpster. Kathy is asking if we can keep some statistics. Each of us may do some stats, and Curt or Garth will tally them. Dave will do Greenville Rd. Michelle and Darrell will do Starch Mill from Sand Pit to Russell Rd, and all of Sand Pit Rd. Others will sign up per the instructions on the flyer Curt put together.

**Monitoring electricity:** Electricity monitors at Highway Department (2) and at Fire House(2) are not yet installed, but the installation is in progress. Tony and Garth are both aware of the steps. What about monitors anywhere else? Mann House. And maybe Police station?

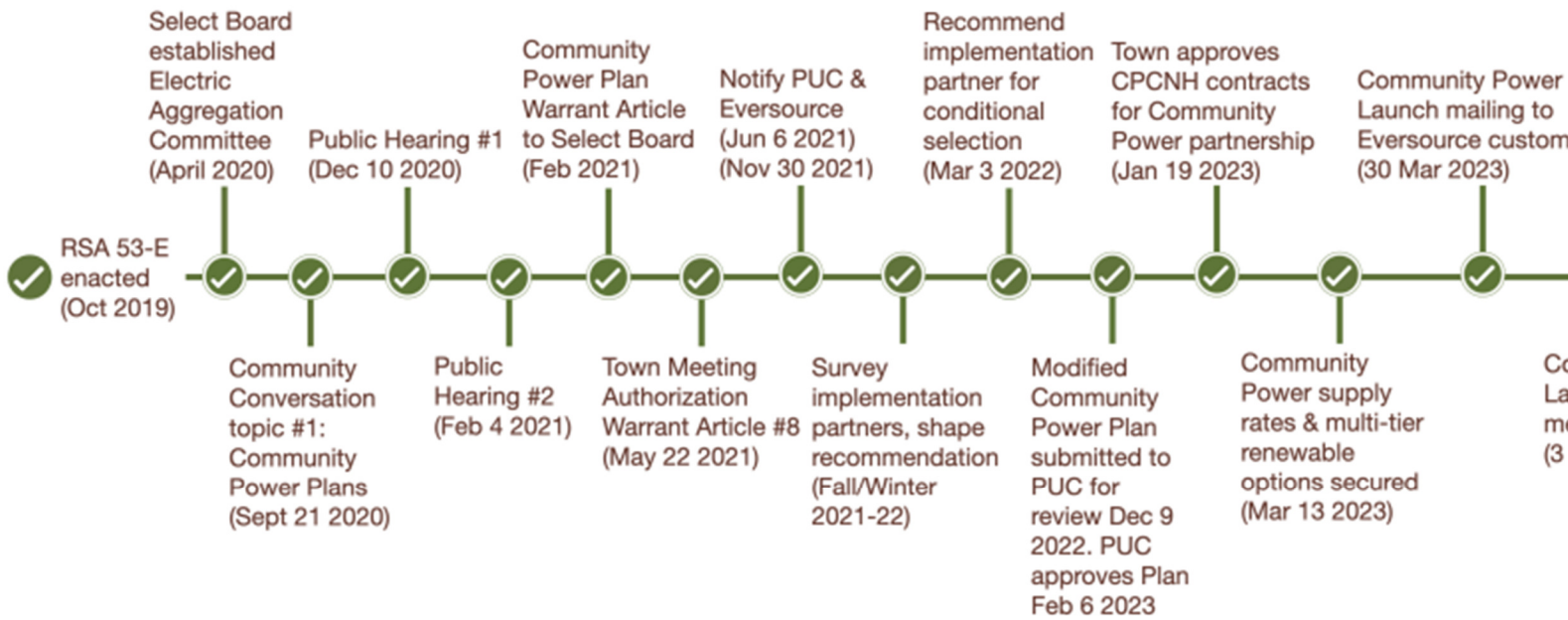
**Outreach/education:** We discussed Kate Batchelor's enthusiasm for getting the Town Hall available for community information. We need to get community education happening in an ongoing way thru email blasts from the town, and posting on the several FB pages. Town wide yard sale is an opportunity to have an table of the MEC. We also had info at the town meetings/voting. Dick's flyer is a great vehicle, and maybe it can be created 4 times a year, with the latest news as well as info like NH Saves, and the DIY solar installation group HAREI. Michelle will post on FB in 2 of the town's FB pages.

Coordinate with library to educate the children and adults who come thru there. Ideas were: solar powered motor, flyers, siren from Dave. Michelle will talk to Judy, and maybe choose a teacher who might be supportive to do a green project, especially for the summer.

**Town energy commissions:** No new info on the towns energy commissions that members are following. Remember to check and see what's new before the next meeting. Each member of MEC has taken on one or two towns in NH to monitor to see what's happening with community power or renewables.

**Lighting:** Darrell had an update on the Eversource bills which are showing some accuracy now. Only a few more years(?) before they are paid off and we will see the savings!!

Dave made a motion to adjourn, and Dick seconded it. All were in favor, and meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. Notes submitted by Michelle Scott



## Harrisville Community Power